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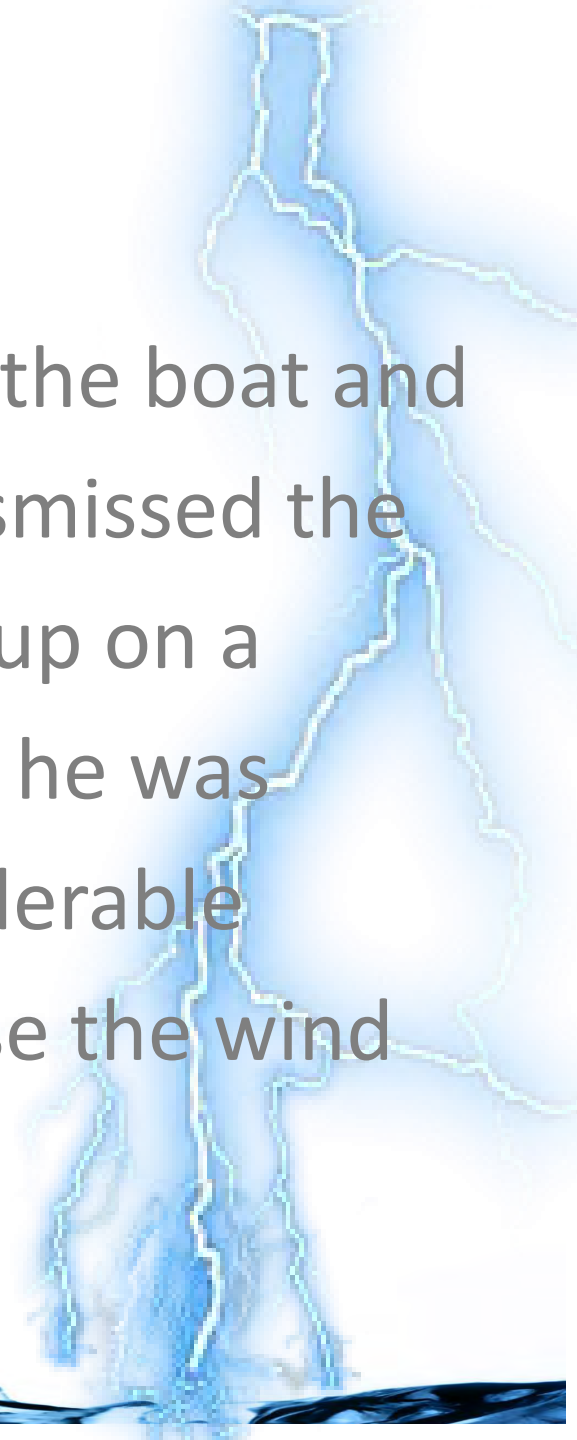
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## MAT 14 : 22-33

### Jesus Walks on the Water

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.





## MAT 14 : 22-33

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.





## MAT 14 : 22-33

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”





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The Sun Comes

After the storm

# Storm of Blessings



**GODS BLESSINGS ARE OFTEN HIDDEN IN THE STORMS OF LIFE**



# 1. V. 24-25 STORMS = GOD'S *Vehicle*

1. Jesus comes to us in the Face Of **Darkness**.
  - i. Forth Watch – 3am: Darkest part of the night
  - ii. In our darkest hour – God is with us (Psa 139:11)
2. Jesus comes to us in the Face Of **Disaster**.
  - i. Disciples were fighting for there lives (Mar 6:48)
  - ii. When it seems that we're losing the battle – Jesus arrives
3. Jesus comes to us when we are in **The Deep**
  - i. 3 miles from shore – deep part of the sea
  - ii. When it seems like we can loose it all – Jesus reaches out to us

**STORMS = BLESSINGS IN OUR DARKEST DISASTEROUS SCARIEST HOUR – JESUS COMES TO US**





## 2. V. 26-27 STORMS = GOD'S *Revelation*

1. Storms **REVEAL** God to us
  - Vs 26 : The disciples did not recognise Jesus; 1<sup>st</sup> thought He was ghost.
  - Vs 27 : But he comforted them with:
    - i. A message of **PEACE**: 27a “be of good cheer”
    - ii. A message of **POWER**: 27b “it is I”
      - “I am” “...good shepherd” “...bread of life” “... the door” “...the way”
      - When it seems like we can loose it all – “I am” reaches out to us
    - iii. A message of **POTENTIAL**: 27c “Do not be afraid”
      - You never need to fear again, God is with you.

**STORMS = BLESSINGS BECAUSE IT REVEALS GOD TO US IN AMAZING WAYS**







### 3. V. 28-31 STORMS = GOD'S *Testing*

1. Storms help us **BUILD** our faith: Vs 28-29 :
  - i. Peter heard Gods voice and wanted to walk with Him.
  - ii. Peter steps out of the Boat in Faith. Storms Test & Grow our Faith...
  - iii. We too can overcome so much if we realise that Jesus is the Master of the Storm.
    - But when Peter focusses on the Storm vs Jesus – He start to sink
    - NB - 12 disciples in the boat – Yet only Peter stepped out
  - iv. Peter walked on water just like Jesus did
    - Storms make us more like our master

**STORMS = BLESSINGS BECAUSE THEY DRAW US CLOSER TO GOD**



## 4. V. 32-33 STORMS = GOD'S *Testimony*

### 1. Storms testify of Gods **POWER**:

- i. Jesus Calms the storm, without even saying a word.
- ii. When He got into the boat, everything was still and calm.
- iii. No matter what storm you are facing- Jesus is the Master of the Storm

### 2. Storms testify of Gods **PERSON**:

- i. He is the one true GOD – “the worshiped him”
- ii. GOD is in Control of all things, past – present – future.
- iii. With Jesus in your boat, the storms of Life can do you no harm.
- iv. Won't you bow down and worship Him today.

**STORMS = BLESSINGS BECAUSE THEY TESTIFY OF GOD POWER IN OUR LIVES**





# *There ARE Blessings IN EVERY Storm*

- 1) Storms **Bring** JESUS to US
- 2) Storms **Reveal** and **Draw** us closer to HIM
- 3) Storms **Test** and **Build** our FAITH
- 4) Storms testify of the **Person** and **Work** of CHRIST

**LORD WE ARE THANKFUL THAT YOU ARE WITH US IN THE STORM**





Let us Pray

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